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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jim Reed on February 12, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 46 has been rewritten as follows:

-- 46. (amended) A method of measuring blood pressure using a wrist sphygmomanometer including a body and including a cuff attached to the body and wrapped around a wrist, said body being attached to the cuff in a manner to allow the body to be located on a thumb side of an arm when the wrist sphygmomanometer is fitted on the wrist, comprising:

fitting said wrist sphygmomanometer on the wrist;

placing the wrist with said wrist sphygmomanometer fitted thereon on a subject;
and

reading a value detected by said wrist sphygmomanometer with the wrist placed on the chest, wherein a positioning system indicates that the sphygmomanometer is at an appropriate measuring level by providing an acoustic signal,

and further comprising a display that includes arrows which guide a user to the appropriate measuring level. --

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The claim was amended by changing the word "the" before the word positioning to a to correct an antecedent bas is problem and place the case in better condition for interference.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert L. Nasser whose telephone number is (571) 272-4731. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, variable hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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